

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 21, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 13:1-22

Memory Passage: Isaiah 13:19

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 13-23.** In preparation for our entry into the next section of Isaiah (chapters 13-23, God's promised judgment of 10 nations), take today and tomorrow to read through all 11 chapters. Take note of (1) markers in the text that tell you where one section ends and another begins (hint: look for the word "oracle" or "burden" or "pronouncement" depending on your translation; don't be fooled by the man-made headings! Read the text!); (2) promises of redemption for God's people; and (3) any questions that come up as you read. Remember that you have today and tomorrow to accomplish this.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 13-23.** Continue yesterday's assignment.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 13:1-22.** As you read the chapter, take note of markers that show you the divisions in the text (i.e., repeated words or phrases, changes in verb tense or person [1st, 2nd, 3rd], changes in speaker, etc.).

(b) How does chapter 13 connect with chapter 12?

(c) For each section you identified in the text, answer the "who, what, when, where, and why" questions. In other words, who is speaking and being spoken to or about, what is said, when and where will it happen, and why?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 13:1-22.** As you read the chapter again today, write down all the touch points of Biblical theology you see (what other passages come to mind, what language reminds you of other passages, what places might be used as examples in other passages of Scripture, how does this chapter reveal or point to Christ, etc.) If you need some hints, try reading passages such as Matthew 11:23-24, Luke 17:28-30, 1 Peter 5:13, Revelation 11:8, 14:8, 16:19, & 17:1-18:24, to name a few.

(b) Explain the message of chapter 13 in one sentence.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 13:1-22.** Who were the hearers of this message, and what did Isaiah expect them to do as a result of hearing it? In other words, how did the original author intend the original audience to respond?

(b) What do you learn about God from this chapter?

(c) Now that you have identified the original author's message and the response he intended his audience to give, consider how this passage applies to today. Write down at least 3 applications for each of these groups: (1) nations, (2) churches, and (3) you.

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